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Wishes to call the attention of farmers and mechanics to the following: LIVING STON PLOWS—Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6.

Office of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1868. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

WINTER SCHEDULE.—On and after the first of October, 1868, the passenger trains will run as follows:

Watches and Jewelry. A. A. CONE, JAMES E. HANGER, formerly of J. W. Meredith & Co., NEW FIRM AND NEW GOODS.

NEW ORDER OF THINGS. A. HENEFORTH Ladies and Gentlemen desiring to purchase a diamond or JEWELRY.

Church Difficulty Settled. The Leesburg correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette says: "On Monday the case of the Methodist Church, near Hillsboro, which has been in controversy for some weeks was decided by Judge Thomas."

Virginia Hotel. Proprietor, J. SCHEFFER. Has been remodelled, repainted and furnished with entirely new furniture and beds.

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Poetry. The Circulation of the "SPECTATOR" is about as great as the combined circulation of both the other papers published in this place.

On the 16th of September, Col. H. M. Beckley committed suicide at the Maltby House in this city. He was a native of Virginia, and had been held in high esteem as an upright and honest man.

"My Dear Friend, This is the last time I shall ever address you, for before you receive this I will be dead."

"I will be as brief as I can in stating the causes that have led me to the commission of this crime. My early youth was a lesson and a warning to the living."

"A little over twelve months I sought to strengthen my good resolutions by connecting myself with the Church, and thus draw around me the mantle of her protection."

"The day was sweetly dawning, And song-birds filled the air; The bright sun seemed to mock the weeper."

"I have a letter to write, and I must close for this time. I will deliver, asking him to return one-half to my family, who are left destitute."

"The floor which swept over part of Switzerland during the latter part of September was one of extraordinary violence and damage."

"A calamity has befallen the Cantons of Tessin, Valais, Geneva, St. Gall and Uri, which, in its immensity, stands unequalled in the annals of Switzerland."

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An Incident. The history of King Alcohol is a history of shame and corruption, of cruelty and crimes.

He has taken the glow of health from the cheek, and placed there the reddish hue of the wine cup.

He has taken the lustre from the eye, and made it dim and blood shot.

He has taken beauty and comeliness from the face, and left it ill shaped and bloated.

He has taken strength from the limbs and made them weak and tottering.

He has taken firmness and elasticity from the stem and made it flaccid and treacherous.

He has taken vigor from the arm and left it flaccid and powerless.

He has taken vitality from the blood and filled it with poison and the seeds of disease and death.

He has transformed this body, fearfully and wonderfully made, God's masterpiece of mechanism, into a vile, loathsome, stinking mass of humanity.

He has entered the brain, the temple of thought, dethroned reason, and made it reel with the dizziness of sin.

He has taken the beam of intelligence from out of the eye, and left in exchange the stupid stare of a fool and dull s.

He has taken the impress of ennobled manhood from the forehead and left the mark of sensuality and brutishness.

He has bribed the tongue to utter madness and drivelling.

He has taken cunning from the hands and turned them from deeds of usefulness to become instruments of brutality and murder.

He has made the kind, indulgent father a brutal, and the affectionate mother into a fiend of British incarnation.

He has made obedient sons and daughters the brothers of hell, and the destroyers of homes, and turned the luxuries from off the table, and compelled men to cry on account of famine and to beg for bread.

Why do I live? There is always a something to cheer us. No matter how weary the pain.

Though dim and dark be the night-watch. The morning will dawn soon again.

There's a joy not each sad-sounding sorrow. A smile for each glittering tear.

Our hopes may be scattered like ashes. Yet Phoenix-like rise from the bier.

Each cloud has a lining of silver. Tho' we may not see its light; No matter how heavy the load.

The hidden avails from our light. Our way through the world may be cheerless, The heavier the dark cross you carry.

The wind to the lamb that is shorn. Then cheer up, ye mortals, be hopeful, Despair not, tho' rough be the road.

God's grace is sufficient to aid you. Be faithful, and active, and earnest, In idleness never sit down;

The heavier the dark cross you carry. The brighter will sparkle your crown. "I am of no use."

"Why do I live?" has been asked by thousands of Christians. I am poor, without influence, friendless and obscure.

I am useless in the world and the church of God; why do I live? A little flower—humble, not beautiful, but fragrant—bloomed on one of the prairies of the great West.

It was crossed in its wild grass and tangled briars surrounded it. No eye saw it; none smelled its sweet fragrance; it bloomed and died alone.

Far off, civilization had created habitations, and surrounded them with comforts and luxuries, and many were the flowers was one like to the prairie flower.

The winds had wafted its tiny seed far from the parent stock, and it was now spreading its fragrance, and hundreds were inhaling its sweet odor.

A young woman lived in a humble cot. Her simple wardrobe and her Bible were her all on earth. The world, with riches and joys, were around her, but knew her not.

The hectic flush and wasting strength gave evidence of her speedy departure to another world. But her record of God's love, of the truths of the Christian religion, of his sustaining power in death, of the hope it gives of a glorious immortality, which have been wafted to many lands, and hundreds have been converted to God through the instrumentality of the Dairyman's Daughter.

Cook-fight. On a certain day a great number was to come off at some tavern in the county of Henrico, and of course a cook-fight or two.

At the appointed time a great many persons were present, and among them Mr. M., a gentleman of the real old stripe, who had made a few dollars bet on the cook fight, and lost every cent.

He was commenting on his bad luck, when Old Ned was seen approaching with a large bag thrown over his shoulder.

"Halloo, Ned, what have you got there?" "Just-rate cook, Massa M."

"Oh, yes; game as a prairie, Massa M." "Out with him, Ned; out with him."

And Ned drew forth a large speckled cock, which, to judge by his size, was a perfect beauty.

"What's the price, Ned?" "Five dollars, massa, an' cheap at that; an' if any cock on dis ground kill dis cock I gim you back de money."

The bargain was accordingly struck, and the match right away. Mr. M. bet about the amount he had already lost, and the cocks were put in the ring.

At the first touch of the steel Old Ned's cock gave a most awful squawk and took a strong run for the woods. Mr. M. was furious, while the crowd laughed—fairly screamed—with the enjoyment of the fun.

Old Ned was accordingly hailed up, with the application of some pretty hard epithets.

"Didn't I tell you, Massa M.," says Ned, "if any cock here kill dat cock I give you back de five dollars? But dey got to covech him fust; an' I n'ber see any cock outran Old Skewball in my life."

"You was right, but it was no use; his anger was choked down by the uproarious laughter of the crowd that met him on every side, and he was forced to enjoy it as a capital joke.

Old Ned continued to frequent the race-courses till the day of his death. A gentleman played off a rick joke on his better half the other day. Being somewhat of an epicure, he took it into his head that morning to eat a rick like a first-rate dinner.

So he addressed her a note politely informing her that a gentleman of her acquaintance—an old and true friend—would dine with her that day.

And soon as she received it, all hands went to work and got everything in order. Precisely at twelve o'clock she was prepared to receive her guest. The house was clean as a new pin; a sumptuous dinner was on the table, and she was arrayed in her best attire.

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